

Israel to ask U.S. for \$2.9 billion

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (R) -- Israel intends asking the United States for \$2.9 billion in aid for the 1982 fiscal year, Finance Ministry sources said today. The sources said that \$1.8 billion of this amount was military aid and the rest would bolster the civilian budget. They added that Israel's ambassador in the U.S. would officially submit the request later this week. This year, Israel received \$2.2 billion in aid from the U.S. Meanwhile, the Israeli Cabinet today empowered Prime Minister Menachem Begin to draft a reply to an Egyptian proposal for a summit meeting after the U.S. presidential election. It also deferred a decision on an invitation to Israeli President Yitzhak Navon to visit Egypt. Several ministers said the climate was unfavourable.

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Bahrain, Qatar join 'holy war' call

MANAMA, Aug. 17 (R) -- Qatar and Bahrain today joined other Gulf oil-producing states in backing Saudi Arabia's call for a holy war against Israel. Qatar's minister of state for foreign affairs, Sheikh Ahmad bin Saif Al Thani, said in a statement carried by the official Qatar News Agency: "This call is the only possible decisive response to Israel, it is the Arab and Muslim World's best way to continue the struggle and end Israeli violation of Arab rights." The Bahraini Cabinet agreed on its support after it discussed the Israeli Knesset's recent law declaring Jerusalem, including the occupied Arab sector, the eternal capital of Israel, the Gulf News Agency said. The law provoked Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd to announce on Wednesday that moderate policies towards Israel had failed.

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Colombia joins embassy exodus from Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (R) -- The Colombian embassy in Israel will shortly move from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, Ambassador Cesar Castro Perdomo said here today.

The change would make Colombia the third country to announce the transfer of its embassy from Jerusalem during the two weeks since the Israeli Knesset passed a law declaring Arab East Jerusalem part of the country's capital.

Venezuela and Uruguay already have said they would move their embassies to Tel Aviv.

Mr. Castro said he did not give the reasons for the move but it is believed to follow warnings from Arab states that they would break diplomatic relations with the 12 countries having embassies in Jerusalem unless they move out of the city.

The Colombian ambassador told Reuters he would inform the Israeli Foreign Ministry of the decision tomorrow and the transfer would probably take place next month.

Earlier today the ambassador of 'Eid massacre reported in Afghanistan

SLAMABAD, Aug. 17 (AP) -- Soviet bombers and helicopters attacked Muslim worshippers celebrating the end of the fasting month of Ramadan last week, killing more than 1,200 civilians, Afghan rebel sources said in a statement issued here today. The report could not be independently confirmed and such reports are often exaggerated.

The rebels also reported that Soviet forces from Eastern Europe shelled Muslim strongholds in the northeastern province of Balkh, killing 30 rebels. The statement, issued by the rebel group "Hizbe Islam" (Islamic Front), said the Soviet bombed civilians and Muslim insurgents last Tuesday in Wardak province, south of Kabul, during a celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr. The rebels said nearly 30 bombers and helicopters attacked the worshippers, killing at least 1,200 men, women and children and destroying 22 villages.

The Soviets have poured an estimated 85,000 troops into Afghanistan since last December to bolster the Marxist regime in Kabul in its fight against anti-communist Muslim guerrillas.

Turkish Cabinet for longer martial law

ANKARA, Aug. 17 (Agencies) -- The Turkish Cabinet today decided to extend martial law in effect in 20 Turkish provinces for another two months as two more murders with political overtones were reported.

A cabinet announcement said the recommendation of the National Security Council earlier today was adopted by the cabinet.

The two houses of the Turkish Parliament will meet jointly tomorrow to vote on the government's decision.

Martial law was declared in 13 Turkish provinces in December, 1978, following bloody political and sectarian riots in the southern town of Kahramanmaraş.

Continuing political violence has led to martial

the Dominican Republic. Mr. Jose Villanueva, said his country had come under "tremendous pressure" to move its embassy from Jerusalem.

"The pressure is very big. I am a good friend of Israel and I would prefer to remain in Jerusalem," he said. "I don't see that moving would solve anything but the Jerusalem law made our position very difficult."

The Netherlands, which is the only European country with an embassy in Jerusalem, will this week decide whether to move.

Meanwhile, Israel Radio reported that Costa Rica's ambassador to Israel, Mr. Ronald Fernandez-Pinto, denied a New York Times report that his government had decided to move its embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Ecuador has also been reported considering such a move, but a spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry said there had been no official notification from Ecuador to that effect.

The other states with embassies in Jerusalem are Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti and Panama.

Ceausescu to visit Jordan but not yet

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Aug. 17 -- Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu is expected to visit Jordan in the near future, but probably not before Aug. 23, diplomatic sources said here today.

Reports in the local and international press had indicated that the Romanian leader would be arriving here today for a three-day state visit. However, a government spokesman today described these reports as "nothing but a false alarm."

A spokesman at the Romanian embassy told the Jordan Times that there was no truth in reports that Mr. Ceausescu would be coming to Jordan this week.

When His Majesty King Hussein visited Romania in February, he invited President Ceausescu to



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor wave to crowds at Juhai Al Nasr's new youth and sports centre, which saw its inaugural football match Sunday. Story and more photos on page 2. (Photo by Yousef Al Allan)

EEC delegation appeals to Iran to release American hostages

TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (R) -- A delegation of European Economic Community (EEC) heads of mission tonight appealed to the speaker of the Iranian Majlis (parliament) for the release of the remaining 52 American hostages.

Diplomatic sources said the delegation, led by Dutch Ambassador Willy Campagne, handed the speaker, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, a message from Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn.

Luxembourg currently holds the presidency of the EEC but has

no embassy in Iran, where it is represented politically by the Netherlands.

The sources said the message appealed to Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani and the Majlis for an early decision on the hostage issue and for the release of the captives.

They said it cited both international law and humanitarian grounds, but had no further details of the meeting.

The Majlis has been charged by revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini with deciding the fate of the hostages, held since radicals seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran last Nov. 4.

But though the assembly was first convened in May it has so far

not discussed the hostage question.

Last Wednesday, heads of mission of nine non-EEC Western nations handed Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani a similar appeal.

The speaker read that message yesterday to the Majlis, which referred it to its foreign affairs commission for consideration.

Meanwhile, the U.S. State Department has sent the Iranian government a note suggesting that the U.S. hostages be treated like the Iranian students recently arrested and then released in the U.S. -- that is, given lawyers, health care and visits from clergymen.

Syrian forces kill top military leader of Muslim Brethren

BEIRUT, Aug. 17 (R) -- Syrian security forces say they have killed the military commander of the underground fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood.

An official announcement in Damascus said security forces in the central city of Homs shot dead Mr. Hisham Jumbar and four other members of the banned group.

The statement described Mr. Jumbar as "the top planner and superintendent of the Brotherhood's military operations and said the security men discovered a large collection of arms, ammunition and explosives when they stormed the Brotherhood hideout yesterday.

It said that Mr. Jumbar was one of the principal architects of a series of killings and acts of sabotage that have rocked Syria for 18 months.

He was the second senior Brotherhood military commander to be shot dead in Syria this year.

In June, security forces killed Mr. Ibrahim Al Youssef, who was said to have masterminded an attack on an army cadet training school in the northern city of Aleppo in the summer of 1979. About 60 cadets were shot dead with machine guns in that attack, according to the official account.

Both Aleppo and Homs were rocked earlier this year by anti-government violence and protest strikes. The government sent an army division to Aleppo to quell the disturbances.

The latest shooting was an attempt by the government to root out Muslim groups opposed to the present Baath Arab Socialist administration of President Hafez Al Assad.

At the beginning of July, the government announced a major new offensive against the Brotherhood, which opposes Western and Marxist influence in Islam. The crackdown included threats to eliminate Brotherhood members at home and abroad and the setting up of special military tribunals to court-martial members.

The Syrian National Assembly passed a law imposing the death penalty for Brotherhood membership, giving guerrillas one month to surrender themselves.

On Aug. 7, President Assad extended the deadline for another 20 days. Officials said more than 500 Muslim Brethren had so far renounced their membership.

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sions also destroyed a number of cars and damaged stores. The commandos returned safely to their bases inside Israel, he said. In Tel Aviv, Israeli police said seven people were injured, three seriously, when a bomb planted under a parked car in Jaffa exploded today. A police spokesman said preliminary results of an investigation indicated the incident was connected with a gang war.

TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (R) -- Two foreign journalists being held for questioning about alleged espionage were transferred to jail last night, a spokesman for Tehran's Evin Prison said today. Mr. Tony Allaway of Britain and Mr. Ralph Joseph of Pakistan were arrested Thursday by unidentified authorities and neither families nor diplomats have been allowed access to them. "We want to make sure that they are ordinary journalists and not spies," the Evin spokesman said, adding that they would be questioned about documents in their possession. Both journalists are married to Iranians and run news translation services of the Iranian press, which are distributed mainly to embassies and the dwindling

TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (R) -- Iran's Majlis (parliament) today accused the member representing the country's Jewish minority of having links with Israel and rejected his credentials. It endorsed a report by a parliamentary committee looking into the qualification of deputies elected earlier this year. The report alleged that Mr. Eshag Farahmandpur was an active member of a Jewish institute called Quds (Jerusalem) which had links with Israel and Zionist organizations before the Iranian revolution. He was also accused of having opposed the taking of American hostages by militant students last November. Mr. Farahmandpur, who said he was just a teacher, rejected the charges. He was the sole representative of Iran's 30,000 Jews for whom the constitution reserves one seat in the Majlis.

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Aug. 17 (R) -- A delegation of 15 Egyptian parliamentarians and officials arrived here yesterday. The party, led by the president of the People's Assembly of Egypt, Dr. Soudi Abu Taleh, visited the Bay of Islands today and will tour other scenic areas over the next two days. On Wednesday members of the delegation will meet senior New Zealand parliamentarians, including government ministers, the leader of the opposition, Mr. Bill Rowling, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir Richard Harrison, in Wellington. The group will leave for Australia on Thursday.

Jordanian draft under discussion Islamic ministers confer in secret over Jerusalem

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Aug. 17 (AP) -- Ministers from 14 Islamic countries conferred in secret throughout the day on joint measures to be taken against any nation that recognises occupied Arab East Jerusalem as part of Israel.

Conference sources said the ministers were expected to conclude work late tonight on drafting a series of stringent measures to defend the Islamic character of Arab Jerusalem.

These would include a total break in diplomatic and economic relations—including an embargo on shipments of oil and other strategic raw materials—with any country that formally recognises Arab Jerusalem as part of Israel.

The ministers conferred on drafts submitted by Morocco, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation which covered broadly the same point. Syria introduced a series of amendments because it felt the measures proposed did not go far enough, the sources said.

The Al Quds (Jerusalem) Committee of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference representing the world's Islamic states, met in emergency session following the Israeli decision to proclaim the Arab and Jewish sectors of Jerusalem together as the "eternal and indivisible capital" of Israel.

Even Egypt, expelled from the Arab League and the Islamic Conference for signing a peace treaty with Israel, has suspended the Palestine autonomy talks as a result of the Israeli action.

The ministers also were expected to call for a strengthening of previous measures taken by the Islamic countries against Israel itself.

The sources said that the PLO represented here by its leader, Mr. Yasser Arafat, urged that all Islamic countries begin recruiting volunteers for a jihad, or holy war, to return Arab Jerusalem to Arab and Islamic sovereignty.

Mr. Arafat gave strong approval earlier to a call for jihad issued in Saudi Arabia last week by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd.

The three drafts explicitly warned that the Islamic countries would take joint action against those countries still maintaining their embassies in Jerusalem.

The PLO proposal called for a "political, economic, cultural and financial boycott" of all these countries unless they remove their embassies from Jerusalem without delay.

The resolution also invited the European Economic Community to suspend all its economic agreements with Israel and called on the Socialist International to expel the Israeli Labour Party.

Conference sources said the ministers also discussed possible ways of bringing Egypt back into the Islamic family of nations following an exchange of letters between Morocco's King Hassan II, the committee chairman, and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

King Hassan wrote to Mr. Sadat, according to Moroccan sources, urging him to recognise the Israeli annexation of Arab Jerusalem doomed all further hopes of progress in the Camp David peace process.

The king indicated that Egypt could be welcomed back into the

Islamic family by recognising this reality, abandoning the "peace talks and breaking relations" with Israel.

Mr. Sadat's reply was delivered to King Hassan on the eve of the committee session yesterday but this far has not been made public here.

In his reply, Mr. Sadat complained disunity among Islamic states, terrorism in others and apparent softness toward the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan provoked what Mr. Sadat calls Israel's latest belligerence in claiming sovereignty over Jerusalem.

Mr. Sadat, according to press reports, faulted Islamic states for refusing at the Islamabad Islamic

conference in May to denounce Moscow's military adventure in Afghanistan.

He also accused Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi of unsettling the Middle East with his assassin squads and friendship with the Soviet Union.

Colonel Qadhafi, who earlier this year dispatched teams of killers to Europe in order to erase opponents of his rule, in June called on the Egyptian people to overthrow Mr. Sadat.

Mr. Habib Chatti of Tunisia, secretary general of the Islamic Conference, told reporters there can be no question of any initiative by the Jerusalem committee or by the Islamic Conference as a whole to invite Egypt's return.

Second bout this year Illness sidelines Premier Kosygin

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (R) -- Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin has left the political scene for a second time this year due to illness, diplomatic sources in Moscow said today.

News of the 76-year-old premier's renewed bout of ill health emerged today after the Soviet Foreign Ministry told Singapore to postpone a visit by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. Mr. Lee was due in Moscow on Aug. 27 for an official tour.

Singapore embassy sources said they were informed on Friday of Mr. Kosygin's indisposition, but could give no details of it.

Mr. Kosygin last appeared in public on Aug. 3 at the closing ceremony of the Olympic games and is thought likely to have gone on holiday since then.

Last winter he disappeared from public view for 18 weeks without official explanation, though informed sources said he suffered a massive heart attack.

He reappeared in public on Feb. 21—his 76th birthday—to make an election speech, looking pale and drawn.

During his absence his position as overlord of the Soviet economy was taken over by First Deputy Premier Nikolai Tikhonov. Though back at his desk, informed sources say Mr. Kosygin has been unable to resume his full duties.

8 British diplomats leave tense Tehran

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Agencies) -- Eight British diplomats have returned home from Tehran because of tension with Iran and the embassy was closed today, the Foreign Office said.

The British staff now is reduced to four, headed by Arthur Wyatt, the charge d'affaires.

The Foreign Office said the reduction in staff is a "precautionary measure at a time of tension and the closure is temporary."

He said the embassy will continue to function because three British citizens are detained by Iranian authorities. The embassy also will continue providing consular protection for Britons living and working in Iran, as well as maintaining contact with Iranian authorities.

No more visas are being issued for Iranians to come to Britain, the spokesman added.

Lengthy delays in obtaining British visas have built up since the visa abolition agreement between Britain and Iran was suspended in May as part of sanctions imposed on Iran by the European Economic Community over the U.S. hostages crisis.

Anglo-Iranian relations deteriorated suddenly after more than 60 Iranians were arrested by British police in a violent anti-American demonstration at the U.S. embassy in London's Grosvenor Square on Aug. 4.

Several dozen protesters have been camped outside the embassy on Tehran's Ferdows Avenue since last Sunday, demanding the release of the arrested students.

At times the number of demonstrators has swelled into hundreds or thousands and prominent Muslim fundamentalists have made fiery speeches outside the embassy gates denouncing the "fascist English police."

But there have been no reports of violence or attempts to break into the compound.

On Aug. 6, British Anglican missionary Jean Waddell was detained in Iran and is held in Isfahan on a spying charge, which Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie has said is untrue.

Two other Britons, Dr. John Coleman and his wife Audrey, who ran a medical clinic in Yazd, are missing and are believed under arrest.

ROME, Aug. 17 (R) -- Italian authorities have released ten of the 22 Iranian students detained after a demonstration outside the Vatican last week for refusing to give their names, police said. Assistant public prosecutor Alberto La Pecerella granted six provisional liberty yesterday and four today after police, working from photographs, managed to establish their identities. In spite of several visits by Iranian embassy staff the students have remained adamant in giving their identities as simply "Ali."

DAMASCUS, Aug. 17 (R) -- Palestinian commandos said here they would nuke Israel, most of them seriously, with time bombs planted today in a main street of Jaffa. The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a guerrilla spokesman as saying the explo-

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Friendly match kicks off Nasr community centre

Text and photos
by Ron Cathell
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Aug. 17 — Thousands of residents of Jabal Al Nasr turned out today to see the first football match at the community's new youth and sports centre, patronised by Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

The centre, a project of Amman Municipality and encouraged by King Hussein, Queen Noor and top government officials, is still under construction. But phase one, the football field, was completed just in time for today's friendly match between Al Nasr Club and Al Faisali Club.

Two weeks ago the municipality began levelling a hillside in the poor community near Amman Airport, and by today that hillside was a fine football field. So great was the rush to complete the field and stadium that the cement of the grandstands was still wet today.

Exhibiting his sporting spirit, King Hussein kicked in the game ball from centre field, after first feinting the kick to Al Faisali and then knocking it to Al Nasr, to their surprise. He then ran off the field before getting caught up in the action, while the crowds of onlookers applauded with shouts and ululations.

The teams went on to draw the game, 2-2.

When the entire centre is completed by next August at a cost of JD 1.25 million, it will include a swimming pool, gymnasium, cultural and recreation building, basketball, volleyball and handball courts and a women's vocational training centre.

The centre is a "people project," pioneered by the municipality and several interest groups to help the social development of the residents of Jabal Al Nasr and other nearby districts. It is the first project of its kind, and others are expected to follow.

Queen Noor told the Jordan Times:

"Within weeks -- not months -- another community centre like this one will be started in Jabal Al Hashimi," Queen Noor said. That centre will have the same facilities as Al Nasr centre. "These will be the two seeds we hope will spread when the finances are available," the Queen said.

Both centres have been carefully planned by the municipality and international consultants. The centres will serve as models for more such projects in the future which, it is hoped, will spread to all cities and towns in Jordan.

"This (Al Nasr centre) gives the people the sense that something is evolving. Now they have something that they can see. The most important thing is to keep the momentum up," Her Majesty said.

Although the speed of work on the project has been remarkable, Queen Noor has been more impressed with the spirit of participation from the local residents. Many have given time and sweat to the project. They already feel that the centre is part of their community, and are eager to work towards its completion.

"I hope it is inspiring to others, because many people here have been inspired to work for something that is beautiful to all."



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor pose for photographs with members of both football teams before the match at Al Nasr community centre.

Queen Noor said. "This is just the beginning."

"There is hope and faith that their efforts will mean something for the future. The only way we can do this is hand-in-hand, working together, as so many of these people have come together to work on this centre."

"You can't separate the spirit from the work. And we want to continue work in areas that need a breath of fresh air."

Also exhibiting a sporting spirit, Queen Noor said she was delighted Al Nasr Club made the first goal of the match. The club was on its home ground today against Al Faisali, which hails from Shmeisani.

As a people project, Al Nasr community centre sounds like a successful programme as judged by the blueprints and goals of the planners.

But it seems the purpose of the project is still unclear to the local residents whom it is to serve. Several people among the huge crowds watching the match from behind wire fences around the field expressed their reservations about the use of the centre. They believe it will be restricted to members who must pay monthly or annual fees.

Though membership will be required for admittance, it is unclear who can become a member, and whether there will be any fees. The local residents' doubts about the "community" use of the centre are understandable.

There are no signs on the site to explain about the centre, so the public has been left to draw its own conclusions. And the only example they have to compare with the proposed centre is Al Hussein Youth City (Sports City), which is restricted to members, though it also was originally billed as open to the public.

Several children remarked that they normally play in the streets, and the coming of the centre won't change that. They are happy with their streets.

Older youths said they hope they can use the facilities, particularly the official-size football field. "I'm a good player. Why can't I come here to practice?" one athletic youth said.

Some children are delighted with the new football field and can't wait to try it, as an alternative to playing in local vacant lots. But they also have strong reservations about whether they will be allowed to use the facilities.

Even if use of the field is restricted, they are happy that they now have the only other official football field in Amman. They can now stop going to Sports City to watch matches, and instead can stay in their own community to see football games.

It seems the planners have done an excellent job in designing the buildings and deciding on activities, but they forgot a very important aspect: to tell the people what the project is all about.



The royal couple are greeted on arrival for the friendly football match between Al Nasr and Al Faisali.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Why Jews are rallying to the Palestine cause

EDITOR'S note: The author of the following commentary, written for the Jordan Times, is a graduate student in the Centre for Near East and North African Studies at the University of Michigan in the United States, and is a free-lance newspaper commentator.

By H. Scott Prosterman

THE FURORE provoked by the recent statement by Prof. Leonard Fein, and other prominent American Jews calls attention to the extent to which the current Israeli government feels closed in. (Prof. Fein, a leader of the American Jewish community, has been engaging in a public exchange of letters with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin questioning whether the Begin government's policies, and the occupation generally, enhance the security of the state of Israel. — Ed.)

How unfortunate it is that many American and Israeli Jews choose to read any criticism of Israeli policy as either a mark of anti-Semitism, or a betrayal of one's heritage. To even a casual observer, the policies of the current Israeli government show the ugliest aspects of Zionism: the obscene violation of a peoples' basic human rights in the name of a concept of "national security."

While some have pointed out that the tactic of intimidation and harassment practised by the military government is, itself, the most immediate threat to Israeli security, the Begin government has begun to show its true spirit with two recent measures: the decision to move the prime minister's office to Arab East Jerusalem, and the passage of a law making any expression of Palestinian nationalist sympathies a criminal offence.

Such laws, labelled as "fascist" by both Arabs and Jews, were referred to by Knesset member Meir Vilna at a recent conference in Nazareth on student demonstrations, as evidence that the present government is dying and is instituting these measures in a futile attempt to preserve its own existence.

Mr. Vilna's contention was perhaps better articulated in an editorial in the English-language East Jerusalem paper *Al Fajr* which stated: "By playing on national fear and pride, the government wants to radicalise the voter, and leave him no choice, either to vote for its policy, or to appear lacking in his devotion to the state." Knesset member Charlie Biton made a similar statement at the Nazareth conference in saying that these "fascist laws" are intended as preparation "for the next election, and next war."

While a great number of Israeli voters will certainly succumb to this attempt "to radicalise" them, many others, seeing the dangerous implications of these laws for the future, are beginning to sympathise with the oppression felt by Palestinians. One of the student leaders at Nazareth said that "the anti-democratic movement in Israel has brought many Jews to our side," and noted this phenomenon as a cornerstone of the Palestinian struggle.

Until recently, Jewish sympathy for the Palestinian cause has been largely limited to the leftist factions of Israeli politics. But as the "fascist" tendencies of the ruling establishment become more apparent, traditional supporters of Israel are

beginning to question to prudence of the policy of oppression for the sake of security. Even a non-Marxist can appreciate the Marxist axiom that "any people who oppress another cannot be free."

As a commentator for an American newspaper with a significant Jewish readership, I have come under heavy criticism for stating that "the Jews seem to have forgotten one of the most important lessons of the Holocaust — that no race of people can assert its supremacy over another, and oppress it, as a manifestation of its own ideals. As I qualified my position to make such a harsh judgement by pointing out that I come from a Jewish family in which there are many survivors of the Holocaust, I earned the label of "self-hating Jew", among some less kind remarks from readers.

During my visit to Israel, more than one Israeli tried to cure me of my "self-hate", including a member of my own family. I've been told that until someone plants a bomb in my briefcase, I can never understand the politics of the Middle East. I've been told that until I serve in the Israeli army, I can never understand the constant fear of death that Israelis live with. And I've been told that as long as I criticise Israeli policies from afar, I can never consider myself to be a Jew.

Having witnessed the miserable oppression of the Palestinian people, I can no longer be accused of idle criticism based on mere historical research or second-hand information. And having witnessed the profound waste on military spending, and rampant inflation caused by a situation of self-created insecurity, I must ask how my western Jews, who give so generously to the United Jewish Appeal, actually know what their money is going for.

Many supporters of Israel, Jewish and otherwise, point to the state's achievements in development when asked to justify the right of Israel to expand in an imperialist fashion. Yet I must ask: what right does a Jew from New York have to bulldoze the land of a man whose family has farmed it for countless generations, to destroy his crops, to steal his water and to build a new home; thereby contributing to the Begin policy of "strengthening the Jewish presence in the occupied areas?"

Israeli and western Jews freely and righteously point to biblical passages to justify their usurpation of non-Jewish land, and their right to infringe violently on the basic human rights of an oppressed people.

How ironic it is that many Israeli Jews who justify the violent physical abuse of the Palestinian on religious grounds haven't even the consciousness to respect the sanctity of the holy places. They curse the observant Jews for forcing their practices on the non-observant, and snicker at the visitors who weep at the Western Wall.

Yet they call for security. They justify their policies on religious claims and on grounds of security. But as an Arab shopowner in East Jerusalem told me: "After gaining the trust of your neighbour, why do you need security? What greater security could there be?"

That man's "old eyes" haven't seen as many wars as Begin's have, but they have seen the oppression and misery that the prime minister has been blind to.

Cabinet promises Amman JD 3m

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The cabinet has endorsed Amman Municipality's budget for the next fiscal year, and pledged to grant it JD 3 million to help it carry out its projects.

Commenting on the government's promised assistance, Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni said the grant will enable the municipal council to carry out a number of

projects, including the opening of new roads, the establishment of youth centres and the a cult centre in Amman.

Asked about the municipality's declared intention of issuing public bonds worth JD 15 million, Mr. Ajlouni said the subject is under consideration and consultations are going on with the governor of the Central Bank.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

ARAB: The United Nations Security Council has not yet been able to begin its open session to discuss the Jerusalem issue, despite the urgency that characterised the call for it to convene. It is no secret that the difference between the draft resolution proposed by the Islamic countries and the European draft resolution is the obstacle which prevented the council from proceeding with its duties.

While the Islamic resolution calls for economic sanctions against Israel as a deterrent in response to the law annexing occupied Arab Jerusalem, the European resolution fails to go this far, and is content with a statement declaring the Israeli measure void and condemning it. The essential difference between the two stands is obvious. It is the difference between adopting a practical measure and issuing a theoretical resolution.

This means that Europe's cooperation with the Arabs is still limited and shrouded with suspicions. Because the Israeli defiance of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Jerusalem has reached its peak with the passage of the annexation law, Europe should have developed its stand with action to halt the infringement, and should not be satisfied merely with new theoretical resolutions.

This weak European stand should be a warning to Arabs and Muslims not to be very optimistic about what the European countries may contribute to their cause. This does not mean that they should discontinue the dialogue with these countries in order to convince them to strengthen their stand. But Arabs should act according to the basic conviction that developing the status of the Arab and Islamic World is the only thing that will obtain positive support for it at the international level.

AL-DUSTOUR: All indications are that President Sadat has arrived at the stage of extreme desperation and frustration. Yet he still clings to the idea of "peace" to save what remains of his shameful peace with Israel, with Zionism and with the enemies of the Arab Nation.

President Sadat's suspension of the autonomy negotiations until after a summit meeting of the Camp David leaders, itself to take place after the American presidential elections, is no more than an attempt to run away from failure and from reality.

Mr. Sadat knows that the U.S. Democratic Party has committed itself in its election platform to recognising Jerusalem as the indivisible capital of Israel, and he knows that the Republican Party will follow the same path. In other words, this means that the resolution of the issue of Jerusalem will already have been decided upon by any U.S. administration, just as Israel has unilaterally moved to alter the occupied city's status by annexing and Judaizing it. Mr. Sadat also knows that the annexation of occupied Jerusalem, the intensified settlement programme and the campaigns of suppression and tyranny taking place in the occupied territories are being implemented under the Camp David umbrella.

President Sadat must now realise that he can no longer get anything from Israel, as long as Premier Begin knows that he has absolutely nothing left with which to apply any pressure.

Therefore, Mr. Sadat is called upon, if he still possesses any moral courage, to break off all contacts with Israel and recall all the actions he has taken against his country's and nation's rights, and those of the Palestinian people, and return to the ranks of the Arabs and the Muslims.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — His Majesty King Hussein today sent a cable of condolences to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein expressing sympathy on the death of 59 children at a cinema in Baghdad on the third day of 'Eid Al Fitr. In addition to the 59 dead, 45 children were injured in a stampede caused by an electrical fire in the cinema in a suburb of the Iraqi capital.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) will not hold its regular weekly session tomorrow, according to the NCC's Secretary General, Mr. Wafiq Najdawi. He said the reason for the postponement was a delay in the preparation of an agenda for the meeting.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA) — Jordan's new ambassador to Iran, Mr. Muhyeddin Al Hussein, presented his credentials yesterday to President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr. Mr. Hussein was formerly Jordan's ambassador to Kuwait.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — Government employees not included in the civil service classification system will be covered by the Social Security law as of Oct. 1, according to a report in *Al Rai* newspaper. The Social Security Corporation's board of directors last month endorsed a five-year plan for 1981-1985 under which 185,000 labourers and employees will be eligible for Social Security.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — One hundred sixty five places will be granted to Jordanian students at universities and educational institutions in the Soviet Union this year, according to a report by *Al Rai* newspaper. It said an agreement will soon be signed in Amman to offer 150 places for undergraduates and 15 more for post-graduate students at higher educational institutes in the Soviet Union.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies last week distributed JD 20,000 to charitable societies in the East and West Banks of Jordan, especially to those catering for handicapped and orphaned children. A spokesman for the union said the grant was in addition to the annual aid which such philanthropic societies receive from the union to help them carry out their humane missions.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The cabinet yesterday endorsed an agreement for a loan from the Iraq Fund for External Development. The loan, for an unspecified amount, will be used to finance schemes being carried out by the Jordan Free Zones Corporation and for

financing the Irbid housing estate project.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA) — The Under-secretary of the Ministry of Reconstruction and Development, Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarrar, left for Damascus today at the head of a delegation to take part in the 25th session of Arab countries hosting Palestinian refugees. During the session, scheduled to start tomorrow, representatives from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Arab League will review current affairs and services of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA). The Jordanian delegation will present to the session a memorandum on the subject and another one on the Israeli seizure of the Jerusalem District Electricity Company, Mr. Jarrar said.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — Minister of Supply Jawad Anani is due to leave for Ankara on Tuesday at the head of a delegation for talks with Turkish officials. A report in the local press said the minister will discuss increasing the volume of trade between Turkey and Jordan, and will finalise contracts for the purchase of food supplies for Jordan.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The director of South Korea's bureau for labourers employed abroad called on Minister of Labour Omar Nabulsi yesterday. They discussed cooperation between Jordan and South Korea in the employment of South Koreans in Jordan. The Under-secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, and Korean officials attended the meeting.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — Jordan and the United States will open talks in Washington next month on technical aid to Jordan in civil aviation, according to a report in the local press today. It said the Director General of Civil Aviation, Sharif Ghazi Rakan, will travel to Washington before the end of this month for the talks.

DAMASCUS, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA) — Jordan will take part in the 27th Damascus International Fair which will open Wednesday, according to the economic counsellor at the Jordanian embassy here, Mr. Rami Ibrahim. He said the Jordanian pavilion has been supplied with various industrial products and textiles to be displayed at the fair, which will open under the patronage of President Hafez Al Assad.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The Ministry of Communications will issue a postage stamp in commemoration of the 11th Arab summit

which will be held in Amman this November. The stamp will bear the summit's motto and a map of Jordan.

JERASH, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA) — The Department of Health here has requested the Health Ministry to supply it with a JD 100,000 fund to help it start work on a project for the construction of medical complex in the city. The complex will have an emergency centre and specialists' clinic, to be built next to the Jerash government hospital. It will be supplied with the most modern medical equipment, a department spokesman said.

IRBID, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA) — A large-scale cleanup campaign was launched by the municipality here today. During the three-week campaign, municipality teams will carry out maintenance work in sanitary utilities, remove litter from city squares and distribute rubbish bags to homes, a municipality spokesman said. He added that the municipality will be installing 300 litter bins to be attached to electric posts along the city's streets, and will assign teams of street cleaners to every district.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA) — The Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) has received an invitation to attend an international seminar on cooperatives which will be held in Prague on Aug. 27. A JCO spokesman said the organisation will be represented by two of its members who work in the Karak and Amman branches.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — Jordan will participate in the 11th meeting of the Arab Postal Union, which will be held in Baghdad on Sept. 9. Jordan's delegation will be led by the Under-secretary of the Ministry of Communications, Mr. Fares Sarayreh, who said the participants will discuss a number of issues connected with promoting postal cooperation among Arab states. They will also discuss the establishment of a joint Arab printing press in Jordan for the issuance of postage stamps, he said.

AMMA, Aug. 17 (JT) — The Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) is currently conducting a comprehensive survey on trade unions in the Arab World. The survey is in implementation of a decision taken by the ALO conference held in Baghdad in March of this year.

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT) — The Postal Museum in Amman will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily except on Fridays and holidays, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Communications. The museum is situated in Jabal Luweibdeh near the water tower.



Syrian Cosmological Society

Reaching out to the stars



The Great Nebula in Andromeda (Galaxy M-31), with which astronomers hope to make contact.

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

ASCUS—Science is a uni-discipline unrestricted by age, political dogma or creed. A good example is the Syrian Cosmological Society, organised here in June, is dedicated to furthering scientific research and popularising science in the disciplines of astronomy, physics and mathematics.

Most of us in the Middle East are concerned with problems nearer to home, a lot of us 14 Syrian engineers, scientists and mathematicians are involved with the cosmos.

The president of the society is Mustafa Rashid Zuhdi, 75, directed films in the 1930s as a lay astronomer and communications specialist. The individual responsible for the formation of the society is its vice president, Mr. Fayez Fok Al-Jarrah, a civil engineer now employed by the government as a water systems analyst and manager.

Though little more than two years old, the society has set up an impressive schedule of lectures. Every Saturday at 8:15 it shows scientific documentaries (borrowed from foreign cultural centres) at the Cine-Club. It has slated six lectures through the month of August.

The second in this series of lectures will be given Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre, Mr. Adeh. The title of his talk is "Communication with extraterrestrial intelligence."

Early 95 per cent of all popular literature about extraterrestrial communications is bogus, Mr. Adeh said. "My talk reviews the 1971 symposium on Soviet Armenia on this subject. Fifty-four international scientists attended these sessions. Among the 18 American speakers were Carl Sagan of MIT University and Freeman

Dyson of Princeton University. Nikolai Kardashev headed the delegation of 25 Soviet scientists."

Mr. Adeh explained that the body of scientists first discussed the possibilities of the planet Earth not being the only inhabited planet in the universe and secondly, how can we communicate with civilisations in other galaxies if they exist.

The scientists unanimously agreed that Earth cannot be the only planet sustaining intelligent life. They based this conclusion on mathematical formulae according to the age of various galaxies, the number of stars within them and the odds that some stars support solar systems similar to our own.

Definitions of civilisation were discussed, and one scientist suggested the criterion of a planet's degree of advancement should be the source of energy a civilisation uses. — for example, petroleum, solar energy, or the ability to move a star nearer or further from a planet according to its energy requirements.

Dr. Sagan, on the other hand, defined intelligence as the amount of data an individual of a given civilisation can hold at one time.

It was agreed that the various definitions all came to the same conclusion, and that the chief problem was one of how to communicate with extraterrestrial civilisations.

"The crux of the problem," Mr. Adeh remarked, "is that according to Einstein's theory of relativity, the maximum speed at which any object or message can travel is the velocity of light."

"The nearest galaxy is M-31, whose Andromeda Constellation is 2.2 million light years distant from Earth (a light year is the distance a light beam can travel in a year — approximately 9,555,712,000,000 kilometres). Even if we exclude space ships and only talk about messages, it would be 2.2 million years before one would be received" — and just as long again before a reply could return.

PLO Amman office head barred from entering France

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT)—Mr. Abdul Jawad Saleh, director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) in Amman, has been barred from entering France, according to a report in 'Al Ra'i' newspaper.

Mr. Saleh has been on a European tour to explain the conditions prevailing in the occupied Arab territories under Israeli rule. He was also scheduled to meet with officials of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Paris to brief them on Israel's illegal practices and human rights violations as well as its abuse of educational institutions in the West Bank, the paper said.

According to 'Al Ra'i', the committee for the defence of Palestinian detainees has issued a statement deploring the French measure, for which no explanation was given.

Zarqa survey aims to stem pollution

ZARQA, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA)—The Public Safety Committee here decided at a meeting held today to carry out a survey of factories and companies in the Zarqa district.

A committee spokesman said the study, to be carried out this week, is to determine the source, type and quantities of water used in the industries, and their distance from the Zarqa River, with a view to adopting effective means of preventing pollution. A subcommittee has been set up for the implementation of recommendations and resolutions adopted by the Public Safety Committee, he said.

The subcommittee comprises representatives of the civil defence and health departments in Zarqa Municipality, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

Processing Co. announces plans to produce new canned vegetables

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA)—The Agricultural Processing Company will soon start producing new types of canned vegetables (chick peas), peas, and beans, a company spokesman said here today.

The decision was taken during a visit to the company's factory by Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arar, accompanied by the Under-Secretary of the ministry, Dr. Saleem Al Lawzi. The company, owned by the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, produces canned tomato paste and an assortment of canned vegetables raised locally.

The company was established in 1970 with an initial capital of JD 250,000, which has now grown to JD 600,000, Dr. Lawzi said.

At present, he added, the company produces nearly 25 tonnes of tomato paste daily and for this the company purchases nearly 100 tonnes of tomatoes a day from local producers.

Oriental martial arts gain popularity as Tae Kwan Do classes multiply



Students practice the martial art of Tae Kwan Do in the Academy of Tae Kwan Do.

By Fawzia Mui

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Aug. 17 —The 1980 Olympics produced no medals for Jordan's shooting team, but that lack may soon be remedied — not by marksmen, but by karate experts. At the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Jordan will be able to send a team that will include Tae Kwan Do champions who will compete for the ten gold medals available in this Oriental martial art.

The martial arts were first introduced to Jordan seven years ago, and since then have made rapid progress. Jordan now boasts a Martial Arts Association that was set up in June 1979, and after a national open championship in May 1979, was able to send a team to take part in the Fourth World Tae Kwan Do Championship in West Germany in October 1979.

Moreover, three Jordanian black belts in Tae Kwan Do who participated in the recent International Referees Seminar all passed the requirements and were nominated international referees.

Since the announcement this year by the 83rd Olympic General Assembly that Tae Kwan Do was to be included as an Olympic event, the aim of the Tae Kwan Do schools in Jordan has become to send participants to the 1984 Olympics.

The Martial Arts Association actually covers Tae Kwan Do, karate and judo. But most progress has been made so far in Tae Kwan Do. This is due to the efforts of two Tae Kwan Do experts, one Chinese, Mr. Chen Chiu-hwa and one Korean, Mr. Yu Young-han — both black belts of the 5th degree — as well as the support of a Tae Kwan Do fan, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, himself a black belt and the president of the association.

Tae Kwan Do in Jordan is popular among both military and civilian groups. It is a compulsory activity in the army, but an increasingly popular sport among young people, especially students. It is taught in a number of schools and sports clubs, such as the American Community School, the Hussein College in Jabal Hussein, the College de la Salle, Bishop School, the gymnasium of the

University of Jordan and the Hussein Sports City. But the two most active centres are no doubt Mr. Yu's Academy of Tae Kwan Do, situated in Wadi Saqra Road, and the main training centre affiliated with the association, situated near the Bishop School.

The Academy of Tae Kwan Do was opened one and a half years ago, and is now a thriving centre with 70 or 80 students attending regularly (though attendance drops to 40 or so during summer and Ramadan). There have been 25 black-belt graduates so far, but only 10 or 12 of them have chosen to continue to train in the art.

Obtaining a black belt is no easy task. Assuming that one is particularly good and passes every single test at first trial, one would need three months as a white belt, three months as a yellow belt, six months as a green belt, and one to one-and-a-half years as a red belt, before taking the first degree black belt. Subsequently, it takes another two years to reach the second degree, three for the third degree, and so on.

Mr. Khaleel Arabi Kaitbeh, 20, a black belt who has been in Tae Kwan Do for four and a half years, told the Jordan Times: "I took up Tae Kwan Do and swimming, as hobbies, but soon I dropped swimming and continued with Tae Kwan Do, because I like martial arts. I took my black belt in 1978 and hope someday to be able to take part in the world championship."

Mr. Ali Abdul Razzaq, 23, another black belt who started learning Tae Kwan Do at the Ahli Club in 1976, says he likes the art because it gives flexibility to the body. Mr. Imad Narmouqa, 24, says the sport has its drawbacks, being unusual and little-known. Both family and friends discouraged him from training in martial arts, because they thought it was "a game for children." In the same vein, Mr. Mohammad 'Awashbeh, 27, explains that some of his acquaintances encouraged him and some did not.

A further step forward in the advancement of Tae Kwan Do in Jordan was the announcement by Crown Prince Hassan recently that it would be established as an authorised school game. Mr. Yu told the Jordan Times. But each school would

have to send a letter requesting instructors to the minister of education, and each teacher to be approved by the association.

Mr. Yu, the small but energetic director of the academy, has ambitious plans for his school and Tae Kwan Do in general in Jordan. "I want to promote modern Tae Kwan Do," he said.

"We must go to the world Tae Kwan Do championships and the Olympic Games regularly. The only way to train champions is to start with young students," he said. "They have the time to practice, and will be black belts by the time they have leave school."

"Once Tae Kwan Do is taught in most schools, selective matches will be held. First the champions of each district, then those of each town, will be selected. Also, we could hold junior championships, and championships for each grade (grades 9 to 7 are yellow belts, grades 6 and 5 are green belts, and grades 4 to 1 are red belts)." Tae Kwan Do is not just a sport," Mr. Yu continued. "But it can be practised by males and females alike, starting at any age."

Females would need more self-defence and physical exercises. We have here at the centre 10 females, ranging in age from eight to 53 years. Most of the students are Jordanians, but we do have a few Koreans and Americans."

One of the most active female students, Mrs. Oya Borhan, 40, has been with the centre for one year and three months, and has just won her red belt.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan presents a diploma to one of the first graduates of a martial arts course in Jordan.

The other centre, an imposing blue pre-fabricated building near the Bishop School, bears a huge sign announcing that it is the "Jordanian Tae Kwan Do Association." The centre was opened on April 11 by Prince Hassan, and now has 210 Tae Kwan Do students and 60 karate students.

There are as yet no black belts from the school itself, though one student who acquired a black belt previously is attending the centre regularly "to keep fit." Mrs. Susan Ann Abu Nowar, wife of the minister of public works, started training in Tae Kwan Do in 1975, with Mr. Chen, now one of the two master instructors at the centre. "I started together with their Highnesses Princesses Alia and Sarvath," she said, "and worked very

hard at it until I reached my Second Dan (degree) Black Belt. I then got busy having a baby. I have only recently started exercising again."

"I don't think I am good enough," she added modestly, "but I am very keen." What good has Tae Kwan Do done for her? "I feel very confident and peaceful. I have more patience with my family. I don't mean that Tae Kwan Do is a means of getting rid of frustrations, but when I feel I have exercised to the limit, I feel very happy and contented, and more alert. My reflexes are also much faster."

When asked whether she has come across the need to use her self-defence skills, she smilingly replied: "No, I've been lucky not to have to use it. Once, however, I had to face a situation in which I might have had to use it. I did not, but the self-confidence my training has given me helped me a lot and frightened the person away."

Apart from Mrs. Abu Nowar, 20 blue belts have qualified at the centre (4 blue belts are the equivalent of green belts). The Managing Director of the centre, Mr. Lawrence Deeb, expects to graduate black belts by next April.

The two master instructors in Tae Kwan Do are Mr. Chen and his brother Mr. Chen Te-hsiung. The karate instructor is Dr. Nimer Bader, a first degree black belt graduated from Italy.

"We hope," Mr. Deeb said, "to be able soon to bring more karate and judo instructors here."

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AMMAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION

Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) intends to acquire the services of a competent engineering consulting firm to study the Technical and Engineering feasibility of a storm water network phase-3, that aims to complete the surface water network in the city of Amman.

The study shall include the review of all data, plans, designs of the existing part of the network and the preparation of the preliminary and final designs, Bills of Quantities, Tender documents, etc.

The project consists of large and medium diameter pipe lines, culverts, lift-pumping station(s), construction of street gullies etc.

AWSA hereby invites the engineering consulting firms and/or joint ventures thereof who possess the experience and ability to perform the above mentioned study to express their interests in writing to the Authority to prequalify for the job. Relevant data and documents that establish their experience and ability to perform the study should be submitted to the Authority in one envelope marked "Pre-qualification for Storm Water Network Study" not later than 12.00 noon October 1st 1980 at the address shown below. No special forms for prequalification are specified.

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World Bank aid to centre on 'human capital development'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (R) -- Prospects for world economic growth have deteriorated in the past year, the World Bank said in an annual survey issued today.

The outlook was gloomy for developed and most Third World countries, and only those developing countries with oil resources could look forward to some improvement, the survey, entitled *World Development Report, 1980*, said.

"Impaired on the trident of inflation and recession in the developed countries and much more expensive oil, world growth prospects have deteriorated in the past year," the bank report said.

It said four-fifths of the developing world's people -- those living in countries which did not produce oil -- could expect annual growth rates of only 1.8 to 2.4 per cent in the next five years, much less than the bank forecast in last year's report.

The report said developing countries as a whole started the decade facing two major challenges.

"First they must strive to continue their social progress in a climate that is less helpful than it was a decade ago -- or even a year ago. Second, they must tackle the plight of 800 million people living

in poverty who have benefited too little from fast progress," it added. The bank's economists predicted that oil and other energy consumption would rise through the decade, levelling off towards the end of it.

A bank official told reporters that a recent decline in energy costs had the disadvantage of encouraging policy makers "to go to sleep" and be ill-prepared for expected future increases.

To reach higher growth rates in the 1980s, the official said, developing countries should cut trade deficits by raising exports rather than by lowering imports.

They should also increase investment and improve efficiency in the use of resources.

The bank's annual report is studied carefully in Third World countries because it indicates the future course of bank lending.

Bank officials said the agency's lending policies were changing, with less funds devoted to individual economic projects and more to broad-based aid to help countries restructure their economies.

The bank also placed a high priority on so-called human capital development, building pools of skilled labour in countries to which the bank lends money, the officials added.

The report said that human development programmes not only helped raise incomes, but also contributed to such social goals as reducing population growth.

These programmes "can improve the lot of roughly 800 million people living in the worst aspects of absolute poverty that include not only low income, but also malnutrition, frequent child death, disease and ignorance," the report added.

The report is the last to be presented by the bank's current President Robert McNamara, who is retiring next year.

In an introduction to the report he said: "There is a real risk that the domestic economic problems of richer countries will cause them to give inadequate attention to the problems of the developing world."

The report itself said growth prospects were especially unfavourable for low-income countries in Africa which "face a desperately hard adjustment period -- coming on top of the economic stagnation of the 1970s."

It said the plight of both poor Asian and African countries, but particularly the latter, deserved special attention from the international community.

U.K. industrialists lobby to ease energy prices

LONDON, Aug. 17 (R) -- Despite Britain's resources of North Sea oil and gas, its domestic energy prices are possibly the highest in West Europe, say industrialists and union leaders who are lobbying the government for relief.

This summer British oil output ran level with consumption. This did little to cheer recession-hit steel, chemicals, cement and paper manufacturers in a nation with 7.8 per cent of its work force unemployed.

The oil had already turned the pound sterling into a petrocurrency helping raise its value to nearly \$2.40 and thereby making British exports harder to sell.

Industry saw as the crowning irony subsequent government readiness to let home prices for electricity, gas and heavy fuel oil rise sharply. Industrial energy charges have risen 30 to 40 per cent in one year.

Managers and unions allege the rates exceed those paid by European competitors, further eroding the sales edge to British goods. New increases could cripple some industries, said Mr. Len Murray, general secretary of the trades union congress.

Ministers say it is not proved that British prices exceed those in Europe, and a users' group of major industries decided at a first meeting last Friday to start its work by gathering better information.

Differences in tariff structures, currency fluctuations and the timing of increases make exact comparison difficult. But the British chemical industry has calculated it will pay \$2.4 billion for energy in 1980. It reckons it could buy the same amount in West Germany for under two billion.

Government energy policy "must be to promote industrial prosperity, not inhibit it," said the steel industry, which has plans to lay off nearly one third of its 150,000 employees.

A public paper by the steel-makers posed the question, why could Britain not exploit its unique advantage as an energy sufficient Western industrial nation in order to help its own troubled manufacturers?

One solution being canvassed in industry is that the government could cut excise duties on some heavier oils used in industry. Electricity from oil-fired plants would then be cheaper to produce. Gas tariffs are linked with duty-inclusive prices for these oils.

The energy pricing strategy of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government largely rests on policies which it contends are designed to ensure long term economic benefit.

Seeking to cut taxation and curb public expenditure, it imposes strict limits on subsidies to the state corporations which mine coal and supply gas and electricity, at the same time it casts hungry eyes at potential huge profits. British Gas profits for 1979-1980 soared 20 per cent to just over one billion dollars.

The government also argues that what it calls realistic energy prices are required to encourage efficient use of fuel. A strong conservation policy is motivated by the knowledge that Britain will be importing oil again in the 1990's.

British officials cite the example of the United States which is now moving painfully to de-control domestic oil and gas prices set below present world levels during an era of energy abundance.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	150	1,380	1,380
Jordan Lime and Silicate				
Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	980	5,340	5,340
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	300	2,070	2,070
Jordan Dairy Co. (New shares)	JD 1,000	4320	1,350	1,350
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	1650	1,258	1,230
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2910	1,520	1,520
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	7152	2,030	2,010
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	50	1,950	1,950
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2730	2,200	2,200
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	50	1,560	1,560
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	126	3,720	3,720
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1200	3,150	3,140
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 1,000	1150	0,910	0,910
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1900	0,930	0,930
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	122	27,000	26,950
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1660	1,900	1,890
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	2700	0,920	0,920
Real Estate Finance Corporation	JD 2,000	66	7,060	7,060
Jordan Worsted Mills Co.	JD 1,000	60	2,750	2,750
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	762	19,600	18,950
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	502	9,200	9,190
National Steel Industry	JD 1,000	5100	2,870	2,030

Total Volume Traded on Sunday, Aug. 17, 1980: JD 81,563

Total number of shares traded: 35,640
Government Development Bonds

Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low	Year of Maturity	P. I.
20	200	10,000	10,000	1989	11

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	292.00/294.00	Italian lire	34.50/34.70	Swedish crown	10
U.K. sterling	692.80/696.80	(for every 100)	70.60/71.00	Belgium franc	10
West German mark	163.10/164.10	French franc	150.20/151.10	Japanese yen	125
Swiss franc	177.10/178.20	Dutch guilder		(for every 100)	

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, AUG. 18, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to make plans for whatever course you want to put in motion that could pave the way to greater production in the future. Use your own resourcefulness and ingenuity.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Give full attention to responsibilities you have assumed and discharge them efficiently. Safeguard your reputation.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you carry through with expectations of associates, you avoid trouble and tensions. Don't neglect civic matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Begin the new week constructively by handling important work efficiently. Avoid engaging in controversial subjects.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you first perfect a skill you have before bringing it to the attention of higher-ups. Sidestep a foe.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to understand whose ideas are different from yours. Be more sure of loved one and be happier.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Obtain important you need and improve present operations. Be sure to better care of your health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle financial affairs in the day and get excellent results. Your usual role could prove troublesome now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Analyze your present and know what still needs to be done to gain your Consult an expert for advice you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan how more productive in the future. You have fine ideas that need expression now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Follow the source of good friends who have your best interests at heart. Strive for happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Contact influential persons and discuss how you can become more successful in the future. Think constructively.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A new project you have in mind needs more study before you put it in open. Make new contacts of worth.

Big firms get bigger in Scandinavia

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17 (SIP) -- The 500 biggest companies in Scandinavia had a turnover of Kr. 889,000 million (\$212 billion) in 1979, equivalent to just over 80 per cent of the combined GNP of the five Scandinavian countries. This indicates a trend towards increased big-industry concentration as the corresponding figure for 1978 was 75 per cent of GNP, the Stockholm business weekly *Veckans Affärer* says in its customary mid-year survey.

The favourable business climate last year is reflected in the marked improvement in profits and profitability, although these did not reach satisfactory levels, the survey says. Aggregate pre-tax profits were up from Kr. 10,400 mil-

lion to Kr. 28,700 million, while return on total assets was up from 5.2 per cent to 7.7 per cent.

Sweden has 189 companies among the 500 and their aggregate sales of Kr. 505 billion represented 57 per cent of the total turnover. Finland was in second place with 107 companies and combined sales of Kr. 152 billion and Denmark in third with 104 companies and Kr. 130 billion -- although the position between the two latter could be reversed considering the fact that a number of large Danish groups for various reasons could not be included in the list, the survey says. Norway took fourth place with 94 companies and Kr. 99 billion sales, and

Iceland fifth with five companies having a turnover of just under Kr. 4,000 million.

Swedish companies also dominated in respect of foreign operations, accounting for Kr. 201 billion, or 73 per cent, of the total invoicing abroad of the 500 companies. Of their Kr. 150 billion exports proper, Swedish companies had a share of 55 per cent.

Biggest Scandinavian company in 1979 was Sweden's Volvo, which took the lead before the Swedish Co-op Union KF and a further six Swedish companies in the top-ten group. Denmark's Ostasiatisk Kompagni came in seventh and Finland's Kesko OY, in ninth place.

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Jordan Times Sports Roundup

Dutch athletics association seek damages

ITTARD, Netherlands, Aug. 17 (R)—The Dutch athletics association is seeking damages from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) because Soviet women athletes failed to appear at the world championship events which ended yesterday.

A spokesman said: "It is a scandal that a country like the Soviet Union should withdraw at the eleventh hour. If the Russians had come the public would have been here in droves."

The organisers of the three-day meeting, which put world championships up for the 400 metres hurdles and 3000 metres events, said when news of the Soviet withdrawal was received that was in retaliation for the Dutch government's call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

The association said it had cost 150,000 guilder (about 75,000) to stage the meeting and the organisers face a heavy loss. IAAF President Adriaan Paulen, who is Dutch, said he sympathised with the association's claim but was happy about the experiment of giving the two non-Olympic events their own world championships.

East German women monopolised the hurdles event but West German Bright Friedmann won the 3000 metres.

W. Germany leads Greco-Roman wrestling championships

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 17 (AP)—Four West German wrestlers won their weight divisions to lead their team to a first place finish in the world elite Greco-Roman wrestling championships yesterday.

Boys 17 and 18 years old from 16 nations participated in the competition. Freestyle wrestling competition was to continue through Sunday.

West Germany garnered 41 team points to win yesterday's events. The United States finished second with 30 team points as five team members won silver and bronze medals.

Third was Sweden with 28 points and two gold medalists, followed by Austria with 20 points, and Yugoslavia 15. Yugoslavia also had two gold medalists.

U.S. silver medalists were Paul Tiekell at 165 kilograms and Gary Albright, a heavyweight.

Baseball Standings

National League

EAST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Pittsburgh	66	50	.569	—
Montreal	64	52	.552	2
Philadelphia	60	53	.531	4½
New York	56	60	.483	10
St. Louis	51	63	.447	14
Chicago	48	67	.417	17½

WEST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	62	53	.539	—
Cincinnati	63	54	.538	—
Los Angeles	62	54	.534	½
San Francisco	58	59	.496	5
Atlanta	54	62	.466	8½
San Diego	50	67	.427	13

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 11, New York 6
San Francisco 2, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 0
Chicago 9, St. Louis 4

American League

EAST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	71	44	.617	—
Baltimore	66	48	.579	4½
Milwaukee	63	54	.538	9
Detroit	59	53	.527	10½
Boston	60	54	.526	10½
Cleveland	58	54	.518	11½
Toronto	48	67	.417	23

WEST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	74	42	.638	—
Oakland	62	56	.525	13
Texas	55	0	.482	18
Minnesota	49	66	.426	24½
California	48	65	.425	24½
Chicago	48	65	.429	24½
Seattle	41	75	.353	33

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 10, Cleveland 5
Texas 12, Detroit 5
California at Minnesota, postponed, rain
New York 4, Baltimore 1
Boston at Chicago, postponed, rain
Kansas City 11, Toronto 5
Oakland 8, Seattle 3

Borg advances to Canadian open tennis final

ORONTO, Aug. 17 (AP)—Top-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden easily disposed of Sandy Mayer of the United States 6-0, 6-3, yesterday to advance to the final of the \$325,000 Canadian open tennis championships.

Borg will meet Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the fourth seed, today's final. Lendl beat Paul Kronk of Australia 6-2, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Chris Evert-Lloyd advanced to the women's final with a 6-4, 5 victory over Pam Shriver. Lloyd, the second seed and favourite after the withdrawal of Martina Navratilova, will meet the inner of the Virginia Ruzici-Pam Jordan semifinal, which was played late yesterday.

Borg's victory at love in the opening set was more difficult than the scorebook indicated. The second game, with Mayer serving, went to deuce 10 times before Borg broke through.

In the second set, Borg broke Mayer in the fourth game to go ahead 3-1, then the pair held service the rest of the way before Borg won it in the ninth to advance to the final and a shot at the \$18,000 first prize.

Borg's passing shots consistently found the mark and his accurate first serve gave Mayer problems from the outset. At one point the fifth game of the second set, Borg returned a shot from behind the baseline with his back to the net. The hard shot went to the centre of the court on the opposite side and Mayer, appearing unbalanced that the Swede even had managed to return the lob, hit a return into the net.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF
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South vulnerable. South is

NORTH
♠ 8
♥ J7
♦ KQ9642
♣ K753

EAST
♠ KJ54
♥ 7632
♦ KQ93
♣ A105

SOUTH
♠ AQ109
♥ A104
♦ 873
♣ AJ8

West North East
Pass 1 ♣ Pass
Pass 2 ♣ Pass
Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass 4 ♣ Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣.

The doctrine: "Always on your partner's suit," propounded, if not for players, then at least those whose vision is

slightly impaired. Anyone can see and has the ability to reason logically, is free

depart from all forms of need advice. Indeed, many

a shift will be indicated by the play of, or the

ure to play, a certain card trick. East used his head

and the killing defense on deal.

North-South bid aggressively to a reasonable

ae. When North rebid his

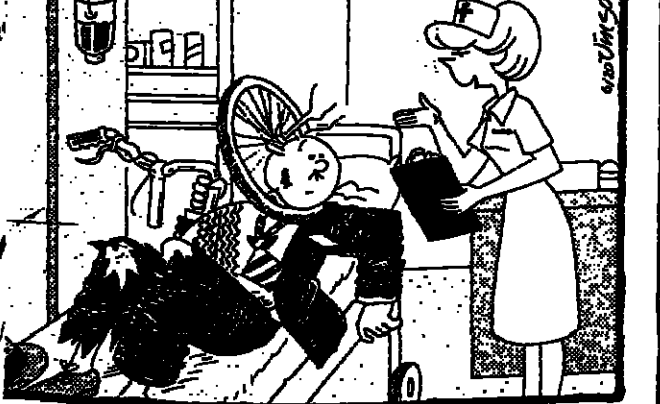
suit rather than take a preference in one of South's suits, it became a virtual certainty that he had a six-card suit, so South felt his hand rated one move toward game. North naturally cooperated.

West led a low heart, declarer played low from dummy and captured East's queen with the ace. He shifted to a diamond, fetching the jack from West and the queen from dummy. East won the ace and paused to take stock.

It was obvious from the play to the first trick that declarer held the ten of hearts. If he did not, the play of the jack from dummy would have been automatic—the only hope for two tricks in the suit would have been that West had led away from the king-queen. If declarer also held both black aces, he had nine tricks once he could establish the diamonds, so two heart tricks and two diamonds would not be enough to defeat the contract—the defenders would need a spade trick as well.

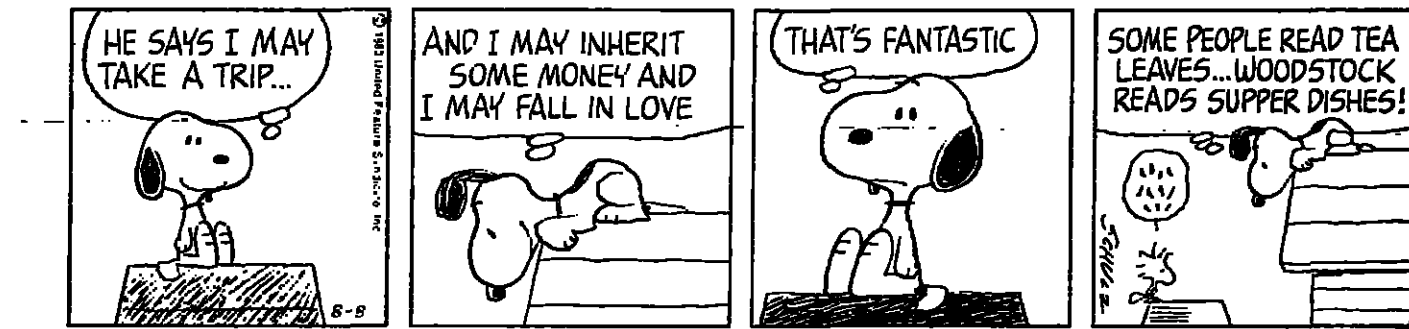
At trick three East shifted to a spade. Declarer finessed, West won and reverted to hearts. East cleared the suit, so the defenders came to two heart tricks, two diamonds and a spade for down one. Note that it won't help declarer to rise with the ace of spades and concede a second diamond trick. Now the defenders can come to two spade tricks, two diamonds and a heart.

THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson



You'll have to choose another doctor. Yours said he can't see another patient this year without going into a higher tax bracket."

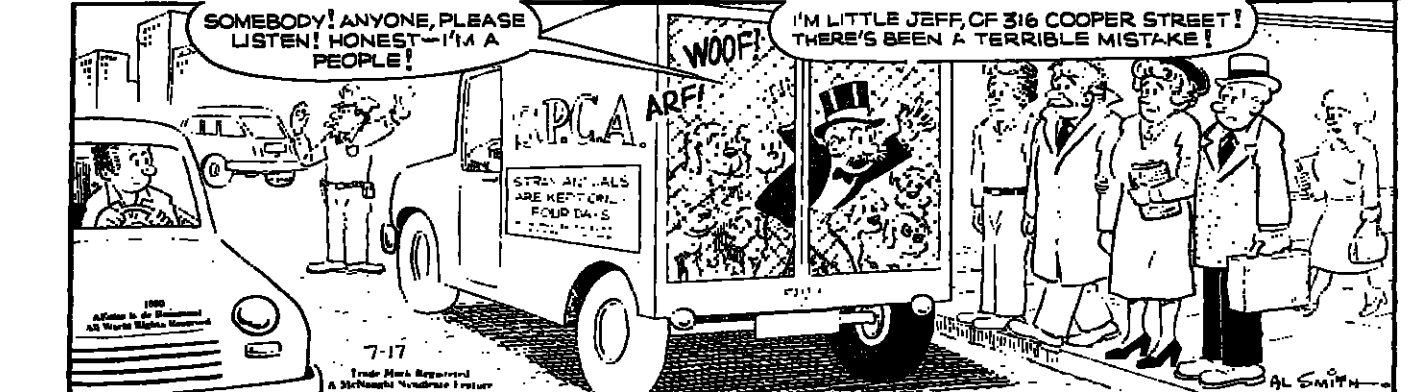
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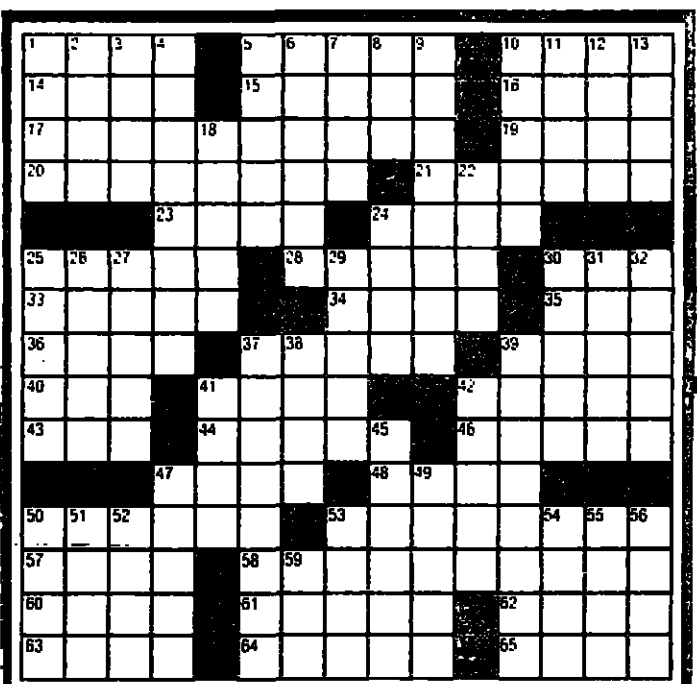


THE Daily Crossword by Helen Fasulo

ACROSS	DOWN
1 African village	1 Lean-to
5 Singing group	2 Vehicle
10 Farm animal	3 European range
14 Healthy	4 Kind of leather
15 Street show	5 Pygmy antelope
16 Assert	6 Dromedaries
17 Test	7 Very Fr.
19 Part of n.b.	8 Poetic contraction
20 Undresses	9 Subordinate prince
21 Landing strip	10 Shrewd
23 Cruise	11 Acknowledge
24 Indiana steel city	12 "Smile be your..."
25 Hogheads	
28 Scorchers	

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

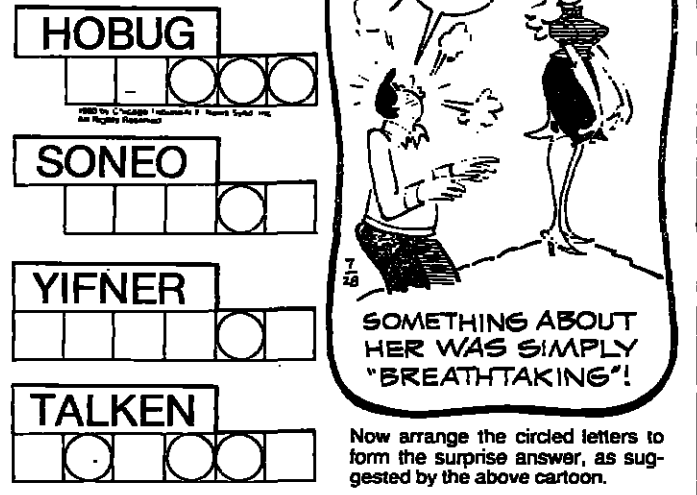
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8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Arabic series
9:30 Local programme
10:15 Arabic series
11:30 News in Arabic

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6:30 French programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Comedy
9:10 Rebecca
10:00 News in English
10:15 Start to film

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7:20 News Bulletin
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11:00 Sign off
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12:40 Radiotheque
13:00 News Summary
13:40 Radiotheque
14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Music
14:30 Happy Journey
14:50 Concert Hour
15:00 News Summary
16:45 Instrumental
17:00 Old Favorites
17:00 Bureau Journalist
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18:00 News Summary
18:45 Sports roundup
19:00 News Desk
19:30 Disco
20:30 Evening Show
21:00 News Summary
22:00 Sign off

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8:00 Beirut
8:30 Baghdad (Taroni)
11:40 Cairo (EA)
12:30 Tripoli, Benghazi (LN)
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15:30 Jeddah, Medina (SDI)
16:15 Cairo
16:40 Cairo (EA)
18:15 Cairo
18:15 Tripoli (LN)
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18:40 Athens, Larnaca
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20:10 Cairo (EA)
20:40 Cairo (EA)
21:00 Cairo
22:55 Cairo (EA)
11:00 Baghdad

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GMT

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06:30 Coming up for Air
06:45 News from an Observer
06:50 Financial Review
06:55 Reflection
07:00 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary
07:05 Academy of Ancient Music
07:05 One Man's Lifetime
07:10 Newsworld
07:30 Daniel's Choice
07:40 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary
07:45 Country Style
07:50 News
08:00 World News
08:10 Reflection; Operatic Cameos
08:15 Benny Green's Album Time
08:20 World News; News Review
08:30 News from an Observer
08:35 The Call
08:40 Look Ahead
08:45 The Back Family
08:50 Presidents
09:30 Daniel's Choice
11:00 World News
11:15 World Radio Club
11:30 The World Today
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12:45 Sports Roundup
13:00 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary
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13:40 The Hollywood Dream Factory
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17:20 Take One
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23:30 These Musical Islands

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Disgruntled Cubans hijack three more U.S. airlines

HAVANA, Aug. 17 (R) — Three airlines were hijacked from the United States to Cuba yesterday, apparently by Cuban refugees anxious to return home.

In all three cases, the hijackers gave themselves up to Cuban authorities without a struggle on arrival at Havana's Jose Marti airport and the planes returned to the United States after paying a landing fee.

The three hijackings brought to six the number of airlines commandeered to Cuba in the past week. All were believed to have been seized by Cubans who entered the United States in April and May during a big exodus of refugees.

The three airlines were an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 carrying 50 people, a Republic Airlines DC-9 with 106 passengers and a crew of five and a Delta Airlines Lockheed 1011 with 179 passengers and a crew of four.

The Boeing was hijacked by six people, the DC-9 by four and the 1011 by one.

The Cuban authorities have not made any public statement about the rash of hijackings, but a U.S. diplomat said they had expedited matters so that the airlines could return to the United States without undue delays.

U.S. diplomats in Havana have officially thanked the Cuban government for its cooperation, although there is no anti-hijacking agreement between the two countries.

In several of the hijackings, the air pirates threatened to set off bombs unless their demands were met.

The U.S. diplomatic technique posed a dilemma for airlines since plastic bottles are not registered on the manifest for screening purposes.

About 75 airlines hijacked from the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

China executes citi for spying for Soviet

PEKING, Aug. 17 (R) — A Chinese citizen who spied for the Soviet Union and killed a policeman was executed yesterday, the official New China News Agency (NCNA) said.

The convicted spy, Mr. Wang Jiansheng, who had been sentenced on July 20, was executed in the northeastern city of Mudanjiang.

A Soviet national was convicted of espionage on the same day and jailed for seven years.

Mr. Wang, 36, had previously been sentenced in 1962 to 10 years in jail for "counter-revolutionary crimes," according to NCNA.

It said he had defected to the Soviet Union on Sept. 1, 1956, and had been recruited by the Soviet KGB security.

"Dispatched to China, 1956, he stole an important intelligence and returned to the Union," the news agency said.

The agency said Mr. Wang re-entered China in 1962 but was captured by public security men while trying to escape.

Executions are carried out in China.

Explosion kills 12 in Japan

SHIZUOKA, Japan, Aug. 17 (R) — At least 12 people were killed and 190 were injured yesterday when a gas explosion ripped apart an underground shopping arcade.

The blast came as a dozen firemen, watched by reporters, investigated a smaller explosion which destroyed a restaurant in the shopping centre earlier in the morning.

It took firemen about five and a half hours to put out the blaze.

Guerrillas take OAS hostages

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Aug. 17 (AP) — Thirteen armed, masked guerrillas left the offices of the Organisation of American States here yesterday and drove with their 13 hostages to the university on the outskirts of the capital, authorities here said.

They were accompanied by one diplomat each from the Mexican and Chilean embassies and said they went to the university "to secure the safety of our lives."

Also accompanying them were Mr. Juan Almonacid, rector of the national university, and professor Tomas Nativ, described as a left-

ernment official and was planning to leave over the weekend.

Mr. Mugabe has said repeatedly since he won British-supervised elections in February and took over as premier of an independent Zimbabwe on April 18 that he would not give direct military assistance to guerrilla organisations operating against white-ruled South Africa.

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Hindus and Muslims fought battles in some towns, and the army was called out to restore order in Aligarh, Bareilly, Sambhal and Pilibhit.

Violence continued unchecked even after the state government last night took powers to detain people without trial for six months.

PTI said the state government was sending detachments to some of the affected areas outside Moradabad.

Trouble, sparked by an anti-price rise agitation, was also reported from the western state of Gujarat where Ahmadabad, the capital, and several small towns were declared "disturbed areas."

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Mr. Singh said last night that Mrs. Gandhi's government should resign because it had failed to check the deteriorating law and order situation.

In a statement today, Mr. Singh expressed the hope that Mrs. Gandhi would not exploit the present situation to impose a state of emergency in the country.

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The fishermen have been on strike for more than three weeks to protest against a decision to cut crew levels to offset rising fuel prices. They started blockading some ports last Wednesday.

Thousands of holidaymakers heading for or returning to Britain have been turned away from their original points of departure in France.

Cherbourg had served as the main alternative port until it was

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Polish strikers stay put until all demands are met

WARSAW, Aug. 17 (R) — A general strike continued in and around the Baltic port of Gdansk today and workers occupying the Lenin ship-

yard said they would stay put until the authorities met demands of all 50,000 strikers in the region, dissidents said.

The situation in Gdansk, where a six-week-old wave of labour unrest has developed into a major crisis, remained confused and telephone links with the city were still cut.

The dissident Self-defence Committee (KOR) said the Lenin strikers at one stage yesterday agreed to a settlement with management and local authorities.

Some of the workers left the shipyard but the majority of the strikers voted to continue their occupation in support of fellow workers striking in some 30 businesses.

This appeared to explain appar-

ently contradictory reports by the official Interpress news agency yesterday.

Interpress first said the strike was over but later said it was continuing.

Priests celebrated mass among strikers at two of the shipyards today, KOR said.

KOR said the settlement of the strike in the Lenin yard yesterday was agreed on the basis that the workers would return home.

It was not clear whether the continuing occupation meant that the agreement was still valid.

KOR said workers in one of the striking factories had demanded

the abolition of censorship and open elections to parliament. Strikers at the Elmor plant were also seeking higher pay and increased family allowances.

KOR said other strikers in Gdansk were making similar demands.

The Communist authorities, who say the strikes are not political, have so far adopted a conciliatory approach to the strikers.

But a strike committee member at the Lenin yard said the local Communist boss had said he could guarantee only that the police would not intervene before tomorrow.

This was seen as an implied threat but it was thought unlikely that the authorities would resort to force for fear of a repetition of violence that flared in the Baltic ports during strikes 10 years ago.

KOR said a group of farmers south of Warsaw had declared a partial solidarity strike with the shipyard workers.

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